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NEWSY ITEMS OF ARIZONA

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To Erect Power House

For the purpose of building a power plant on Fossil Creek to cost about \$40,000, application for permission to issue bonds and notes and bonds was filed with the corporation commission Saturday by the Arizona Power company, of Yavapai county.

Bound Over

Phil L. Smith, a Douglas pharmacist was bound over to the action of the federal court on the charge of selling and shipping cocaine, Saturday at the preliminary hearing held before United States Commissioner Buemler, at the Smelter City. His bond was placed at \$1,000, which he made.

Dies of Apoplexy

Dennis D. Harrington died suddenly of apoplexy Monday, March 15, 1915, at Jerome. Deceased was 38 years of age and had been a resident of Jerome for seventeen years.

Road Completed

The construction of that section of the Sunset Short Line, a part of the ocean-to-ocean route, between Benson and Pima the county line is now practically completed. All that remains to be done is the installation of a road crossing over the track of the Southern Pacific railway, a short distance west of town, and slight repairs on a small strip of road in the same locality. This will be finished within the next few days.

Painfully Hurt

What may prove to be a fatal accident occurred at St. David on Wednesday of last week, when an elderly man by the name of Johnson fell from the mast of a well drilling machine and was pierced in the abdomen by a piece of steel about three inches wide, half an inch thick and eight inches long.

Rich Gold Strike

Reports have reached Clifton of a rich gold strike made recently in the Copper Basin district, near Duncan. The strike, which comprises a group of twenty-four claims is owned by Ollie Phillips, of Duncan, and D. F. White, B. F. Waters, and Joe McAlister, of Tyrone. Phillips was grubbing out a stump for firewood when he made the discovery. He had gotten the stump out and was attracted by the shining metal which proved to be gold.

Improve National Parks

That the United States government would in a short time begin on a comprehensive program of road improvement in the national parks, which would include Arizona's own Grand Canyon, was the statement of A. G. Batchelder, chairman of the executive board of the American Automobile association.

RAISING OF EMBARGO WELL- COME NEWS TO GROWERS

PHOENIX, March 24.—Opening the the Texas market to Arizona hay, word of a decision was received yesterday from the live stock sanitary board of that state to the effect that shipment of hay from this state and New Mexico may be admitted if fumigated in accordance with federal regulations.

Word of the raising of the embargo on Arizona alfalfa was received with rejoicing by farmers in the Gila river valley who depend on the Texas market as their only outlet. Hay will have to be fumigated in cars by the use of formaldehyde, under the supervision of a state or federal inspector. Raising of the embargo followed an appeal to the governor and the live stock sanitary board of Texas by the Arizona officials.

CAN PROPERTY BE SOLD FOR TAXES ON BOOZE?

Should an owner of booze refuse to pay taxes, could the county assessor seize and sell same to pay the taxes, and cost of seizure and sale?

This is the legal nut which Attorney-General Wiley Jones finds hard to crack.

The question was sent to the attorney-general today in a letter from the state tax commission. It is the result of inquiries to the tax commission from County Assessor J. T. Bone, of this county, and County Assessor G. E. Gentry, of Yavapai.

The Yavapai official, with the question mentioned above, also asked the tax commission if booze is property in Arizona and subject to taxation.

Then followed the question which the commission decided not to tackle, but to put up to the attorney-general.

Since booze is property then it is mandatory on the county assessor to place a valuation, assess it and collect taxes.

Whether the county assessor can sell a class of property prohibited by law, is a question to be decided by the attorney-general, which will be awaited with interest.

One of the commissioners said that the valuation placed on liquor in Arizona is higher than it was a year ago.—Arizona Gazette.

In line with the above we might add that it is reported that the price of whiskey has advanced from \$1 to \$1.10 since January 1st.

CONTINUE TO GET TRAVELING EXPENSES

PHOENIX, March 22.—That the members and the chief clerk of the state land commission may continue to draw the necessary traveling and other expenses incurred when traveling in the discharge of their duties, although the appropriations for the payment of their salaries are exhausted is the answer of Attorney General Wiley E. Jones to Gov. Hunt's request for an opinion on the status of the commission. The commission may also continue to draw warrants for the payment of clerical and other expenses incurred in the maintenance of the office, books and other records, according to the opinion.

EVERY CITY SHOULD HELP IN THE WORK

Now that the bridge over the Colorado river is practically finished, that Yuma county has five hundred thousand dollars for road work, a good share of which will be spent on the Borderland route between Yuma and Phoenix it is up to the El Paso, Deming and Lordsburg people to see that the road from Lordsburg to the Arizona line is put in good shape at once, and up to the Good Roads Association in Douglas, Bisbee and Tombstone to see that the Borderland from the New Mexico line to Douglas is made first class at once. We must get our share of the tourists and the way to get them is to offer the best route, and let the world know we have it.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

Sworn to before me and subscribed to my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1915.

A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.
Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by all Druggists.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

GUILTY OF MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE

Murder in the first degree, with the penalty fixed at death, was the verdict of the jury in the case of the State vs. Merriwethers and Dingle, Saturday night. A night session was held to conclude the case and at ten o'clock it went to the hands of the twelve jurymen for deliberation. They had been out but a brief half hour when they returned into court and with the above verdict.

Sentence will be pronounced by Judge Lockwood tomorrow at the court room at which time the defendants will receive the death penalty as fixed by the jury.

This is the second case within a year that the penalty of death has been set by a jury, the previous case being that of W. W. Kermeen, who committed equally as cold blooded a murder as the defendants, Merriwethers and Dingle, who murdered Hernandez, a Mexican chauffeur, near Douglas last month.

County Attorney Ross and Assistant Stevenson, conducted an able case, and the securing of the conviction of both the defendants in the first degree is considered a winning point, as both claimed that the other had done the deed, and most all the evidence was circumstantial.

Whether the order of the court in this case will be carried out at the Florence penitentiary in this instance, or whether or not Governor Hunt will issue a reprieve, remains to be seen.

BOWIE DEPOSITORS' MONEY NOW READY

PHOENIX, March 22.—Full refund of the funds needed to pay off depositors of the Bowie Bank and trust company will be made this week according to advices received by State Bank Comptroller Callaghan. The El Paso firm through which the money is to be transferred has received the entire amount to be paid by Joseph G. Armstrong, the former cashier, and will have a representative in Phoenix soon to turn the coin over to the state banking department.

Armstrong, who decamped after closing the bank, was arrested last month in Omaha, after a prolonged chase. He secured his release, however, and has succeeded in raising a large part of the funds necessary to make good the bank's losses.

TUNNEL CONNECTING U. S. AND MEXICO FINISHED

Nearly 1200 feet of tunnel No. 3 on San Diego & Arizona Railway has been excavated. This leaves less than 200 feet yet to be dug. This is the first tunnel to be encountered on leaving the Imperial valley toward San Diego. Work of laying the final rails on the finished portion of the road at the western edge of the valley has been completed. About thirty days will yet be required to finish the first tunnel. Tunnel No. 4, where the road crosses the boundary line, is finished. A unique feature of this tunnel is that it begins in the United States and ends in Mexico.—San Diego Union.

DEATH OF J. CRITCHLEY IS REPORTED HERE

Word has been received in Tombstone of the death of John Critchley, at Santa Monica, Cal., where he has resided for the past six years.

Mr. Critchley was a former Tombstoner, having resided in Tombstone for many years, and was one of the early pioneers. He had many friends here who will regret at hearing of his death, which was probably due to old age. One of his sons, John Critchley, Jr., is still a resident of Bisbee, while the balance of the family moved with their father to Santa Monica.

No further particulars, other than the news of the death of Mr. Critchley have been received here, but it is expected that burial will take place in the California city.

TOMBSTONE BOY WINS HONORS IN RIFLE MATCH

Tombstone has again come in the front and this time it is a well known Tombstone boy that has distinguished himself.

The many friends of Mr. Norman Abell, son of Mrs. Francis Abell, Secretary of the Gibson Abstract Company, will be pleased to learn that he has won honors on the field. Norman is attending the University of Arizona at Tucson and is a member of the rifle club of that institution, and since entering into that manful sport has proven that he is a master of the rifle.

In the Championship Shoot held at the Old Pueblo at the Wilcox Range last week during the Southern Arizona Fair, there were about twenty five men of national reputation besides the U. of A. Boys.

Mr. Abell was among those who carried off the honors and was awarded along with four other University champions, an Expert Rifleman's Medal which now puts him out of the amateur class, also several cash prizes, while in the rapid fire match he won third place making a score of 98 out of a possible 100.

Friday the U. of A. Team won from the Phoenix team the Office cup which had gone to Phoenix the previous day, and in the match for the Governor's cup Norman carried off second place with a high score. In the shoot for the long range championship of the state he was tied for third place.

That the Tombstone boy is making good to the fullest meaning of the word is evidenced by the above excellent record, and his friends are proud that the Old Camp, as usual shows up in the lead. We expect to hear from Norman in greater things in later years, and he has the wish of the "Prospector" for a successful career.

Special Meeting

The board of supervisors will meet tomorrow in special session to pass on the matter of issuing school bonds for the Douglas school district. Friday the board, Clerk Karger and County Engineer J. C. Ryan will go to Wilcox, where they go to hold a conference with the citizens of Wilcox and Cochise with reference to the road connecting the two valley towns. It is expected the road will be put in first class shape, when the matter has been settled.

NEGRO MURDERERS SENTENCED

TUESDAY

Today was sentence day in the superior court, besides having been occupied all day by the civil case of Richardson and Doan vs. Mrs. Mike Shaya.

Merriwethers and Dingle, the two negroes found guilty of murder in the first degree, by a jury Saturday, were sentenced to hang at the Florence penitentiary on the fourth day of June of the present year by Judge Lockwood, carrying out the instructions of the jury.

The negroes took the death sentence without a flinch and when Judge Lockwood after reading the sentence added: "may God have mercy on your poor soul," Merriwethers replied: "Thank you, judge" in a clear unflinching voice. The two condemned men were taken to the penitentiary today by Deputy Sheriff Rafferty and Probation Officer Howe.

Harry McCool, found guilty of manslaughter last week, was the next to receive sentence. He received the maximum penalty of not less than 9 years nor more than 10. It is understood that another information charging him with attempt to commit murder, will be brought against him before he is taken to Florence to begin serving sentence.

Word was received here today that the supreme court had affirmed the sentence of the lower court in the Kermeen case, which means that he will be returned to Tombstone and resented to death. Kermeen had been reprieved by Governor Hunt, and a new date for hanging will be set by Judge Lockwood when he is brought up for sentence which will be in the near future.

TOMBSTONE IS ALWAYS ON THE JOB

If the business men of other towns along the Borderland route will follow the example Bisbee is about to set in the matter of turning out and helping their country neighbors improve the by-paths with the application of individual brain and brawn, the Borderland and its side country will be given such a boost by voluntary publicity all over the country as it could get in no other way. The advertising of the Borderland thus gained would be more valuable in bringing traffic over the route than any other manner of endeavor.—Bisbee ore.

Tombstone will not be found wanting in any boosting of the Borderland route.

TUCSON HELD MOST SUCCESSFUL FAIR

Our sister city, Tucson, has just closed a most successful fair, which was a winner from all points of view but no one is surprised at that, for in the last two years Tucson has come out of her Rip Van Winkle sleep, and taken her place among the progressive cities of the U. S.

She has paved several streets, removed awnings and unsightly poles, and put up several fine buildings, to say nothing of the beautiful Southwest ern depot and grounds, which are not surpassed by any railway station in America—all hats off to Tucson, the "get up and get" Arizona city.

HUNT VETOES TWO IMPORTANT BILLS

PHOENIX, March 24.—Up to 3 o'clock this afternoon Gov. Hunt had not signed the pari-mutuel racing bill and his intention in the matter remains shrouded in doubt.

This is the most important bill passed by the late legislature remaining in the governor's possession.

This is the last day that the governor can act on bills passed by the legislature.

Hunt has vetoed the act providing for a rapid count of votes cast at state elections and also Senator Stapley's senate bill No. 29 which sought to regulate and limit public expenditures.

TOMBSTONE YOUNG MEN INJURED

TUESDAY

A serious automobile accident occurred this morning on the Divide road, between Bisbee and Tombstone that resulted in a narrow escape from death by the entire party.

A crowd of Tombstone young men, having spent the night in Bisbee, were returning home when they met with an accident which overturned the machine, throwing the occupants out and painfully injuring and bruising them.

Word of the accident was first received in Tombstone by telephone, and later Fred Harris, who drives the auto stage line between Tombstone and Bisbee, brought more definite accounts of the accident.

As far as can be learned, Allen Larison, who is the most seriously injured, was driving the machine, and when at about the bottom of the grade, Cole Noll, operator at the Crystal theatre, reports state, yelled to Larison to cut it out, that he was making too much speed. Larison is said to have answered that he had lost control of the car and could not abate the speed, which must have been terrific, as the grade is steep at the point where the accident occurred.

A man by the name of Cleveland, who owns a ranch near the roadside, is said to have seen the car when it overturned, and states that it was thrown fully ten feet in the air, overturning completely and landing on its wheels, throwing all the occupants out. Larison was rendered unconscious for a time, and it was reported at the receiving hospital that he had sustained a fractured skull and internal injuries, while Allyn Wheeler, son of Sheriff Harry Wheeler, of Cochise county, received bad abrasions and cuts about the face. Cole Noll was slightly bruised and shaken up, and has a bad cut on his left leg. Albert Fitzgerald is badly shaken up and slightly bruised, while Leo Hill, operator at the Borderland theatre, is the only occupant that was not injured enough to be taken to the hospital, where the other four were taken in the ambulance.

Sheriff Wheeler and Joe Norcross, manager of the Crystal theatre, to whom the machine, a Ford, belonged, left immediately after word was received here.

Telephone advices received from Bisbee about three o'clock this afternoon stated that Larison had recovered consciousness, and examination has proven that he has suffered no fracture of the skull or internal injuries, while the balance were resting easily, not much the worse for their terrible experience.

The machine was practically wrecked, three of the wheels were broken, the windshield smashed, and the steering gear bent. The top was not up at the time. It is expected that all of the party will be permitted to return to Tombstone this evening, with the exception of Larison. His brother, Frank, left this morning in a machine to be at the bedside. They both conduct the Borderland Garage on Sixth street.

The party left here last night for Bisbee on a trip and expected to be back early this morning. The accident occurred about 6:30. Fred Harris, the stage driver, stated that from what evidence he could gain, the speed must have been terrific as they rounded the bottom of the Divide, and had they gone 50 yards further they would have been precipitated to certain death over the bridge at that point. As it was, the machine overturned at a point which is practically level ground, just at the bottom of the hill. It is possible that, having lost control, the driver realized the danger and tried to stop the machine by heading for the side of the road, or else he could not steer the machine at all, to take the turn.

Sheriff Wheeler and Mr. Norcross will return this afternoon with those who will be able to make the trip, and it is hoped by the many friends of the boys that the accident will not result in a more serious aftermath.

The parents of the boys were thunderstruck at the news of the accident, but have been quieted by word that results will not prove serious.